

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust
April 4, 2011
5:30 p.m.
Richmond Town Hall

MINUTES

Call to Order at 5:30 pm

Roll Call

Denise Poyer, Andy Webb, Roberta Engel, Rick Anderson, Chuck More, Denise Stetson,
Absentees: Pete August

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Chuck More, 2nd Rick to approve Feb. 21, 2011 minutes.

All Ayes

MOTION: Chuck More, 2nd Rick to approve March 7, 2011 minutes.

All Ayes

Communications

- none

Approval of Invoice(s) for Payment

- none

Public Forum

- Gary Whitney

Old Business

1. Member reports

Roberta is coordinating with Peter Stetson to lead a tree identification walk at the Crawley Preserve on June 4th (raindate June 5th). Denise Poyer will take care of the Press Release.

Members reported out on the 2011 Land and Water Summit conference.

Roberta suggested a Visitor Registry at the Crawley to document use and to get feedback from visitors.

Chuck reported that the general consensus is that only professionals (not trustees) can complete a baseline study for a property.

Chuck suggested we invite Rupert Friday to speak with the RRPLT to discuss how land trusts across the state may work together on initiatives similar to those presented by the key note speaker, Steve Sloan, The Trustees of Reservations.

2. Draft Land Trust Rules and Regulations

Chuck worked through the Rules and Regulations. There are three formal positions among the trustees: Chair, Vice Chair, and Clerk. The Rules and Regulations need to be approved by the Town Council. We will vote to send the document to the Town Council

at our May meeting. Once the Town Council approves, the document will be voted upon at a public meeting (which will be a RRPLT public meeting.)

3. RRPLT apparel for stewards and 'Friends'

Andy reported that he received an estimate of \$82.50 to silkscreen the RRPLT logo onto vests.

MOTION: Andy Webb, 2nd Chuck More to approve spending \$82.50 to silkscreen the RRPLT logo onto 25 orange vests.

All Ayes

4. Management Plans/Stewardship

Chuck, Gary, and Rick formed an ad hoc committee to discuss management plans and stewardship. The management plans is the overarching document which will include a stewardship plan. The management plan for Crawley and stewardship plan for Crawley will be merged into one document. The easement should be attachment to management plan. The annual report for a preserve will include work to be done and the follow-up of what was done.

5. Other

Denise Poyer suggested we find a volunteer to maintain the RRPLT files at Town Hall. Denise Stetson will send out the document received from the Maguire Group.

Linda Steere will correct deficiencies and resubmit the application to DEM so that we may proceed with building a trail at the Bradner Preserve.

Chuck would like to return to his RRPLT Ex Officio position. He has notified the RRPLT Trustees and Tracy Hayes that if another party is interested be offical trustee, he will resign as a voting trustee.

New Business

1. State Open Space Grant Application

The open space referendum has made \$4 million available for land purchases; up to \$400,000 per agency purchase. The grant requires a 50% match. RRPLT currently has \$70,000. Lisa Primiano encouraged the RRPLT to apply; proposals are accepted through May 27th 2011. One thought is to buy a swathe of land to connect the Kenyon of Usquepagh Preserve to the Crawley Preserve.

2. Investigate obtaining a conservation easement for the Bradner Preserve to be held by a second party TNC or State of RI

3. The J. Leo property is on the market.

Agenda Items for the May meeting:

1.State Open Space Grant Application

2.review of baseline report from L. Steere on Bradner Preserve

3.review of Capital Plan

4.other

MOTION: to adjourn until next scheduled meeting. R. Anderson, 2nd R. Engel
All Ayes

Adjourn
7pm

Approved and accepted on _____ Attest: _____